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Newsletter 2

Friday 13th September 2024

We hope you have all had a good week. The children have had a good first full week at school. It has been lovely to have our new EYFS children join us who have settled in so beautifully. They have already been for tours of the school, collected their school lunches, explored Rainbow class and even attended some assemblies! What superstars!

Year 1 and 2 have started their topics for this term and are continuing to model how they are being ready, respectful and safe at all times. Yesterday, we had 3 representatives from the Local Authority visit us and every one of them commented on the children's exemplary behaviour, how well the routines are established and the calm, happy and positive learning culture and atmosphere we have in our school. We also had our first Full Governing Body meeting of the school year on Monday to discuss some school policies and school improvement targets for this academic year. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss with the school governors, you can contact Mrs Beth Evans, the Chair of Governors using chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

There will be some changes to morning drop off starting on Monday, details of this are further down in the newsletter so please do check this carefully. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday but in the meantime, have a lovely weekend. 😊

Menu for week beginning 16th September:

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita Pizza with Garlic Bread Spinach and Potato Curry Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Rice Broccoli and Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Crispy Cake Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Sausages and Mashed Potato Winter Vegetable Casserole Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Hot Sandwich: Ham or Pepperoni Melt	Baked beans Carrots, Gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Marble Sponge, Custard Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Ratatouille Pasta Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Roast Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage, Gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Chocolate Cookie Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Macaroni Beef Bolognese Cheese and Potato Pie Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Green Beans Cauliflower Salad bar Homemade bread	Apple Cake and Custard Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Chips Peas or Baked Beans Salad bar Homemade bread	Fruits of the Forest Flapjack Crumble Homebake Fruit, Yoghurt

Morning routine

As you know, the government have made changes to statutory school hours during the day which meant we have had to adjust our timings and morning routines to allow for the slightly extended hours. Thank you for your patience with us while we have trialled the new system in the morning at drop off. We have listened to feedback from parents, children and staff and know that some adjustments are needed.

Therefore, from Monday, the following arrangements will be in place:

8.30am – Playground gates open on the big and little playgrounds. Families are invited to come onto the playgrounds to wait for the class teachers to come down.

Big playground – Owls, Dragonflies, Badgers, Bees, Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Robins.

Little Playground – Woodpeckers and Squirrels

8.35am – Teachers will come down to the playground to greet the children. Children can then walk in to their classrooms and get ready to begin the school day at 8.40am. (They will not need to line up)

Owls and Dragonflies will go up the steps and in the front door of the building.

Bees and Badgers will go up the steps and in the side door of the building.

Ladybirds, Hedgehogs and Robins will go in via the hall doors.

Once parents have seen their child walk up and go into the school building, please exit the big playground via the haul road, operating the same one-way system as currently in place.

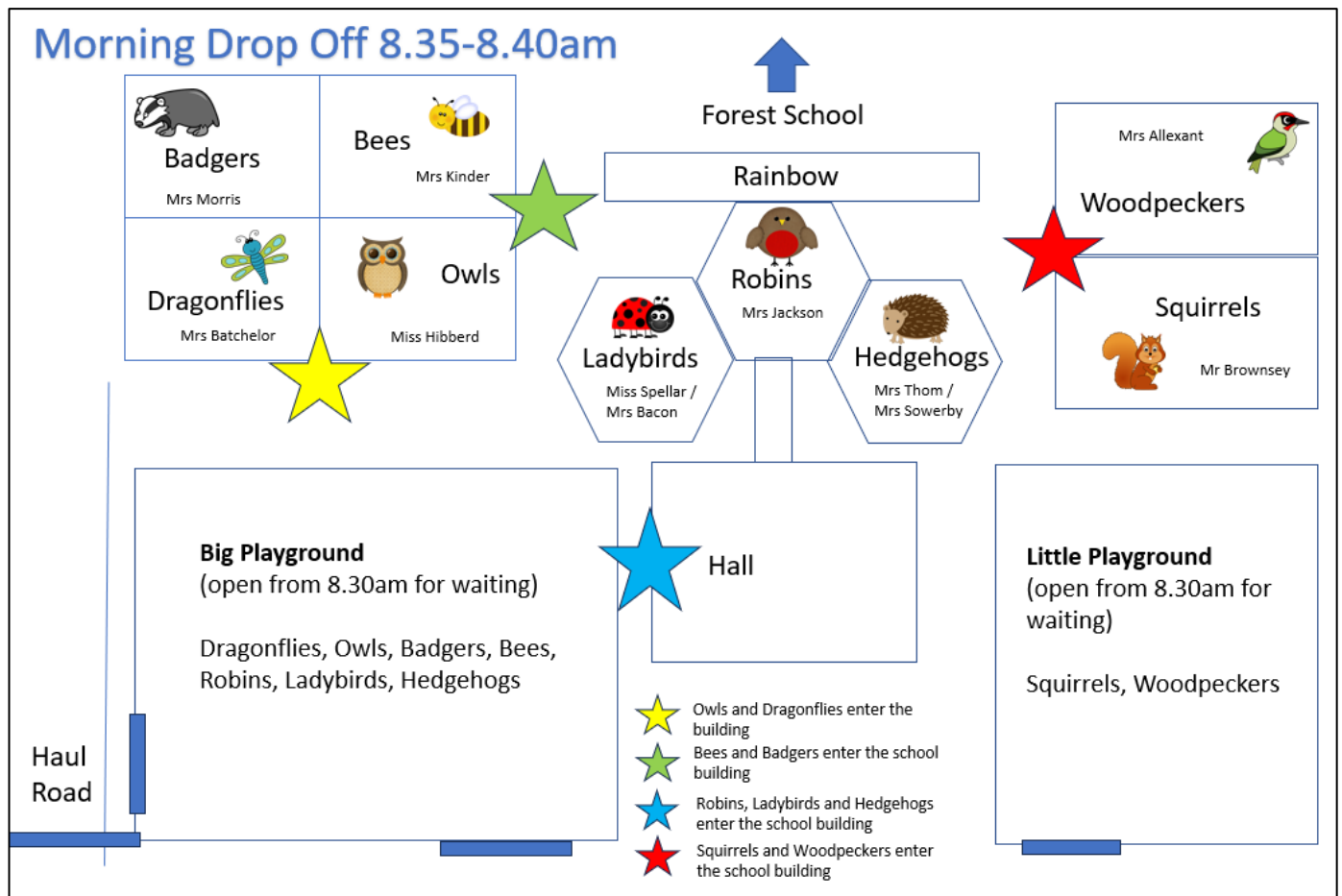
Woodpeckers and Squirrels will go up the slop and into the classroom through the side doors of their building. Parents will need to enter and exit via the same gate to the little playground.

8.40am – Gates close and teachers go up to class to complete registration. Any children arriving after this time will need to go to the school office to sign in.

We will trial this for 2 weeks to see if this system will better support families and ease concerns around the congestion and transition into school.

There are no changes to the end of the day. EYFS and Year 2 will be collected in the big playground and Year 1 to be collected from the little playground.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	98.0%	Number of late marks in the Registers:	27
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Research shows that children who miss one of the first few days of the new term for unauthorised reasons are much more likely to miss long periods of their schooling than their peers who attended those first few days. These children had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term. This shows just how important it is that children are at school, ready to learn in the first days of the September term.

Attached with this newsletter in the email you will find a letter from our link Educational Welfare Officer to explain more about penalty notices for attendance and changes to register codes too. Please do read this carefully.

If you need some support with school attendance, please do come and speak to us as there are things we can do to help. Thank you.

Missing coat

There is a missing coat belonging to one of our new robins, Jasper. It has some turquoise detail on the sleeve and many children have similar coats It has got his name in it so please may everyone check carefully as we'd love it to be returned to the right owner. Thank you.

Request from EYFS

If you have any used birthday cards or wrapping paper that you would be happy to donate to the hedgehogs, ladybirds and robins, please do give them to the class teachers or drop off at the school office. Thank you in advance for your help.

Class email addresses

Just a reminder that you can use the class email addresses to make contact and pass on important messages. Some parents have been making contact through the school website and whilst these messages do get to us, there may be a delay in getting them to the correct teacher. Therefore, don't forget you can contact them directly using:

hedgehogs@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

robins@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

ladybirds@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

squirrels@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

woodpeckers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

bees@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

badgers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

owls@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

dragonflies@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

If you use these email addresses rather than the class teacher's personal ones this would be helpful because they also go to any further members of staff working in that class e.g. job shares and teaching assistants. Thank you.

School Dinners

Thank you everyone for your patience while teething problems are resolved with our new school caterers. The children are enjoying the food at lunchtimes which is lovely to see. **Please may we ask that, if you have ordered your child a dinner from the school caterers but instead send them in with a packed lunch, that you cancel your order?** This is because school will still be charged for meals that have been cooked but not taken. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assemblies start next Friday. The first letters have been sent out today so do check your email inbox carefully. We are looking forward to sharing the children's achievements with you over the course of this academic year!

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays – they are very important in the life of infant children! On their birthday or on the school day closest to their birthday, children are welcome to wear their own clothes and we also celebrate birthdays as part of assembly every Monday. Please note that requests for absence for birthdays will not be authorised.

Donations of School Clothes

Thank you for being such a generous school community! We have been inundated with donations of school clothes that our stocks are full, as are the New 2 You stocks too. Please may we halt donations for a while but I am sure these will be needed in the future following some uniform sales etc. However, if you would like to make donations of boys and girls pants, we would be very grateful.

EYFS Baseline

It is a statutory requirement that all EYFS children complete a baseline assessment within 6 weeks of starting school. These are going to be completed with the new robins, hedgehogs and ladybirds over the next week or so. In the email containing this newsletter, you will find more information about the Reception Baseline. If you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

School costs for the year

You may or not be aware but we are committed to being an "Affordable School" which is an initiative launched by Wiltshire Council last academic year. This means that we always endeavour to ensure that no child misses out on anything and that every opportunity inside and outside of school can be maximised. In the attachments with this newsletter, you will find an approximate overview of the 'costs' of sending your child to school this academic year. Please note that this is based on the trips, visits and purchases made last academic year but we would always endeavour to keep costs as low as possible. Hopefully, having the costings laid out like this are helpful in planning for finances and budgeting needs.

As ever, we would hope that any changes or additions are kept to a minimum, however, sometimes this is unavoidable and we will always give as much notice as possible in order to try and support families.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions about any aspect of this, please do contact Mrs Pike lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Calendar dates for parents

In the email sent out with this newsletter, there was also a whole-school calendar for parents. This will give you dates for this academic year of events happening across the school, such as Stay and... as well as school plays. The aim is to give parents as much notice as possible about events. Please note that some dates are still to be confirmed. We will endeavour to keep any changes to a minimum but as I am sure you will understand, sometimes, unforeseen things do happen. There may also be a few more dates to add over the course of the year, at which point, an updated calendar will be sent out.

Parent Support Advisor

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters. You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569





Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

In the Community: Please note that our school is neither involved with or endorsing the use of the services being advertised here. They are for families to access at their own discretion. Thank you.

We have received the following message from Family and Communities Learning and there is an attachment in the email containing this newsletter with further information.

Hello, hello Wiltshire Schools

Welcome back. I hope you have had a positive and enlivening start to the new academic year.

We have some lovely family skills courses coming up this term and I am delighted to share our flyers with you today.

Understanding School Anxiety: Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance is running on Tuesday 1 October. Previously known as Understanding the Early Stages of School Avoidance, we have changed the name to better reflect the course content and our target learner group. This course is helpful for parents of children who are managing to attend school full time but where attendance may be causing emotional issues or suffering a dip. The course helps to identify emotionally based school avoidance, shares practical strategies to support with anxiety and attendance, and looks at how schools can support attendance. It also provides an opportunity for learners to share experiences and participate in discussion with an educational psychologist. I have attached our flyer and a pathways leaflet identifying for whom this course is suitable and alternative options where it may not be appropriate. I have also attached a flyer outlining our Family Wellbeing offering.

We are also running our teen courses. Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing is Monday 11 November. This course is for parents and carers of children from about 11 or 12 years old. It looks at the emotional and psychological changes taking place for a teenager and shares ways in which to help parents help their teenagers prioritise wellbeing. Supporting My Teen With Transitions To Adulthood is starting the following week on Monday 18 November. This five session course is useful for parents and carers of children from about 14+ years. It looks again at teenagers' emotional wellbeing and encourages learners to consider how changes can be used beneficially. The course explores employment, study and training opportunities for post 16 year olds, and looks at ways to support teenagers to gain financial understanding.

We are also offering Working in Schools which is a lovely introductory course for anyone thinking about going back to work, now that their children have started school, or who may be considering a change in career.

I would also like to remind you that the closing date for Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry is today and deadlines for all our helping my child courses are approaching swiftly, so please remind your communities to get signed up.

A phone call or an email can initiate a booking on a course. Learners will need to complete an enrolment form ([Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#)) and new learners will need to attend an online induction. Booking closes one week before the start of a course.

Embedded in all our courses are opportunities to meet people and share experiences in small groups in a safe, friendly virtual space with our approachable, highly experienced tutors. If you have any questions about our courses, please get in touch: we welcome your questions and feedback and we will look forward to hearing from you.

I have attached all our flyers. Thank you for sharing our information, we rely on you to reach those who can benefit from our courses.

Best wishes

Family and Community Learning

What's on in **Salisbury**

For more information about our
markets and events please visit
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk

Sun 15 Sep **Car Boot**
9am - 1pm // Market Place

Sun 15 Sep **Teenage Market**
10am - 3pm // Guildhall Square
Visit theteenagemarket.co.uk to apply to be a
trader or performer!

Fri 20 Sep **Guildhall Sessions: 90s house**
7pm - 11pm // The Guildhall // 18+
Visit salisburyguildhall.co.uk for tickets!

Sun 22 Sep **Wedding Fair**
11am - 3pm // The Guildhall

Sun 29 Sep **Foodie Sunday**
10am - 5pm // Market Place

Sun 13 Oct **Street Sellers: Spooky Sunday**
10am - 4pm // Market Place

Sun 20 - Wed 23 Oct **Salisbury Charter Fair**
20 Oct // 2pm - 9pm // Market Place
21 - 23 Oct // 11am - 10pm // Market Place

JOIN US!

Enjoy fun activities,
craft workshops,
great food,
live music,
games, fair rides &
so much more!





WHERE SOMEONE'S OLD BECOMES YOUR NEW

Car Boot Sunday
15 Sep 9am - 1pm
Salisbury Market Place

Open to sellers from 7am. No need to book just turn up!
Cars £3, vans or cars and trailers £10. Entry for buyers is free

JOIN US

Sun 15 Sept
10am - 3pm // Guildhall Square



THE TEENAGE MARKET



90's HOUSE NIGHT



Fri 20th Sept 2024

Salisbury Guildhall
18+ - 7-11pm (Doors 6.30pm)
Tickets: £13 in advance



Wedding Fair

Sunday 22 September

11am - 3pm

The Guildhall Salisbury

Foodie Sunday

Sun 29 Sept
Market Place
10am - 5pm

A delicious fiesta celebrating the wonderful variety of food and drink venues, producers and sellers to be found in the city and local region.

As part of **Taste Salisbury 2024**
28 Sept - 28 Oct

THE SALISBURY CHARTER FAIR



Sunday 20 October -
Wednesday 23 October

Juvenile rides just
£2.50 a go until 6pm
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk

